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PROGRESS ON GOR'KOVSKAYA AND NARVSKAYA GES

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Gor'kovskaya GES

The site of one of the largest construction projects of the Fifth Five-Year Plan, the Gor'kovskaya GES, stretches along both banks of the Volga near the city of Gor'kiy. A GES building, a spillway dam, locks, and a navigable canal are under construction.

The first aggregate [turbogenerator] is to be placed in operation before the end of 1954. Electric power will be carried by high-voltage transmission lines to the industrial enterprises of the Gor'kiy industrial area and will be used to develop the transport systems and the agriculture of Gor'kovskaya and Arzamasskaya oblasts.

By February 1954, over 22 million cubic meters of earth had been removed from the sites of the GES building, the locks, and the navigable canal and more than 16 million cubic meters of earth had been placed in earthen dams. Foundations for the GES building, both locks, and the spillway dam had been concreted. Work on the first phase of the project and preparations for damming the channel of the Volga must be completed by September 1954.

The 1953 plan was completed ahead of schedule with a saving of more than 2.5 million rubles.

Auxiliary enterprises, including two concrete plants, a lumber combine, plants for reinforced-concrete blocks, and a machinery repair plant, are located near the river. On either bank, there are large modern settlements with a total living space of 125,000 square meters for construction workers of the GES.(1)

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K. V. Sevenard, chief engineer of Gor'kovgesstroy [Gor'kovskaya GES Construction Administration?], attended a 5-day meeting of chief engineers of GES construction projects held in Leningrad in November 1953.(2)

Narvskaya GES

The construction site of the Narvskaya GES is situated on the right bank of the Narva River in the Estonian SSR. It is being built in conformance with directives of the 19th Party Congress.

By mid-February 1954, about 2.5 million cubic meters of earthwork, over 400,000 of which were in rocky earth, had been completed. Over 45,000 cubic meters of reinforced concrete had been placed in the foundation of the GES building and in the sides and bottom of the derivation canal by mid-February 1954.(3) The first concrete was placed in the spillway dam on 26 February 1954.(4) The first phase of the dam is to be completed before the end of 1954.(5) The dam and reservoir are being built near the Narva Falls. The derivation canal, which is over 2 kilometers long, originates at the reservoir.(3)

Auxiliary enterprises include a concrete plant which will produce about 60 cubic meters of concrete per hour when fully completed,(4) machinery repair shops, and motor-vehicle repair shops. A village for construction workers boasts modern homes, an intermediate school, kindergartens and nurseries, a club, a hospital, and a dining hall.(5)

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